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For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF SHAFT BODY

AND SHAFT JOINT

Examiner: E. Garcia

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated January 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 6 of this paper and includes a replacement sheet attached hereto as Appendix A.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.